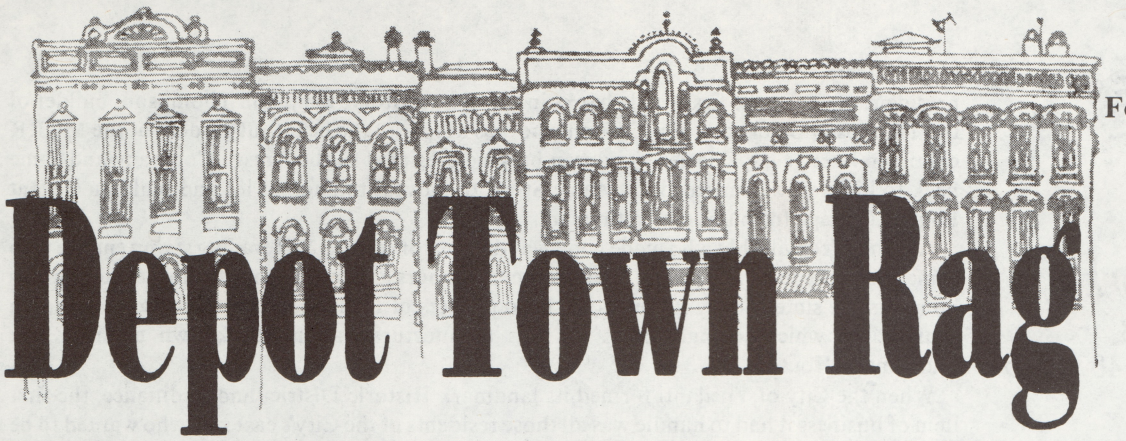

Depot Town Rag

May 1987

For the Good of the Block:

Artists & Artisans
7:30 p.m. every Wednesday
in the Old Caboose

The Association
7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 21

Antique Engine Club
8:00 p.m., May 28

A PUBLICATION OF THE DEPOT TOWN ASSOCIATION, INC. **The Caboose, 400 Market Place, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48198**

NIFTY Program Given High Marks by EMU Class

All-Video Presentation in the Making

Last winter's presentation of the "New Initiative for Tourism in Ypsilanti" to Gabe Cherem's Eastern Michigan University class on Community Interpretation received rave notices and helpful suggestions this month. Although the program was warm and friendly and the dining tables of Paponetti's Pasta, it might be shortened and made more concise -as well as packaged into an all-video production for ease of handling - said the class in the response at the April DTA meeting.

The class also suggested carefully targeting the audience for maximum feedback in the business of tourism. A Metro Airport - centered chauffering and limousine service is next on the list to try out the program - which includes pizza and beer courtesy of the Depot Town Association. A series of inquires has also been seen from tour bus opeators, seeking new and unusual stops for their cross-Michigan journeys.

The newly re-shaped NIFTY presentation will now run about forty minutes long, with sound and music extolling the virtues of waving at trains, eating breadsticks, admiring antique autos, and the many summer/fall-winter/spring festivals which bring people back to this old and charming neighborhood. Other such groups interested in previewing the NIFTY video package should contact the Depot Town Association via the Old Caboose, 400 Market Place, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48198.

Third in a series on the Michigan Sesquicentennial theme:

"A Celebration of What Was and Will Be."

PECKVILLE: A Model for Michigan

Peckville. At first notice it sounds like one of those quaint little plastic American-style villages built around a Lionel HO-model railroaders's track set up on the basement ping-pong table.

Peckville. Can you see the Norman Rockwell illustration of kids fishing off the bridge as the old steam locomotive passes? Or, can you hear Carl Sandburg telling us of families meeting at the depot, getting married, getting jobs, raising children, living and dying in its confines?

Peckville is much more real than any such artistic interpretation. Peckville is life in early Michigan. Even without a sing proclaiming its existance, Peckville lives in 1987 as a model of what's good about the Michigan Sesquicentennial celebration. Peckville is our home town and, perhaps because many of us never actually lived there, it's all the more important for us to recognize this altogether typical and basic living space called Peckville. It can seem even more magic because there isn't any sign saying, "Entering Peckville, Michigan, Population: 2400."

"Peckville" never shows up on today's maps of the Depot Town environs. Only a few people can remember anyone even mentioning the fact that most of the prosperous early owners of businesses in the Ypsilanti railroad district lived in Peckville. A few local historians can tell you about the Peck Street Primary school, but on the State of Michigan's one hundred and fiftieth birthday celebration, Peckville, Peck Street and the school are all gone. There are only three Pecks in the telephone book, but they all live out in the Township. None of them inhabit that high plain overlooking the river on the east side of today's Ypsilanti community.

There weren't any Pecks here when Tecumseh fought Generals Hall and Brock at Fort Malden, or when the British took Detroit. Few white settlers inhabited the area when the Potawatomis took Fort Dearborn (now Chicago), or at the Battle of the River Raisin at Monroe. A tiny band of habitants recognized Wolfe's victory at Quebec, but felt it would have little effect upon their life at the straight between Lakes Erie and St. Clair. But, when Commander Oliver Hazard Perry defeated the British Navy eighteen miles east of Monroe at West Sister Island to signal the end of the War of 1812, some of the Pecks who then lived in New York State harkened to Perry's announcement: "We have met the enemy and they are ours." Maybe things would be better for them in the Michigan Territory. cont'd. p. 5

Planting Time Again!

Depot Town's many flower barrels are usually tended by the residents, but a few are the projects of commercial, first floor tenants. Window boxes, tiny gardens and planters cascade with colorful blooms by mid June.

The biggest plot, the triangle between Aubree's and the rialroad, was planted with 'annuals' last year by the Farmers' Market crew and the whole neighborhood eagerly awaits their re-appearance.

The concrete planters, however, are public property and that means the public can plant them. They don't have to be done by the same crews every year. In fact, some have suggested that it must be some else's turn this year. Anyone who wants to help with spading, planting, watering and weeding can always 'act like they own the place.' Such proprietariness pays off for the whole community with the most beautiful blooming beds around.

Memorial Day Parade
and
Depot Town Antique Engine Club Tail Gate Swap Meet
in the Farmers' Market Plaza
Monday, May 25th

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president of one of the first stable banks in the new territory, Benjamin Thompson, builder of the Thompson Block, and Mr. Damon who was keeper of the beautiful gardens at the MCRR depot. In later years, Charles Vandusen became president of the Kresge Company and came back to his family homestead on Maple Street to move it to another lot and build an elegant English Cottage for his sister's retirement.

Another Peckville kid who made good was the creator of the S & H trading stamp empire who came back only to buy out many of his former neighbors and build one of the most ostentatious homes in the state. Today it houses the headquarters of High Scope, an educational research foundation, which lovingly cares for this architectural landmark, known again as the Hutchinson House.

When the City of Ypsilanti formed its landmark Historic District and Ordinance, the first item of business it had to handle was all those residents of the City's east side who wanted to be recognized and included. No longer called Peckville, this newly annexed section of the Historic District boasted of their early cultural leaders: "Two that come to mind are Frederick J. Swaine who was called 'The Father of Classical Music in Michigan' by Frederic Pease (Pease Hall at EMU) and Professor Gill, for whom Gill Hall at EMU is named, made his home at 416 E. Cross. Frederick Swaine's 106-year-old piano still stands in the parlor of the house he built at 101 E. Forest." Such homely loyalty is expected and enjoyed in a neighborhood which so refreshingly revels in its history.

It is impossible to speak to today's Historic East Side Association members without hearing their tales of the days when neighbor children collected the cows from each back yard along the alley for their trip to the outlying pasture or about the moving of the graves from Prospect and Cross Steets to their present location at Highland Cemetery at the end of River Street. Luna Lake (Prospect Park) was only recently recognized for its cultural and recreational contribution to the community by a State historical marker with the reactivation of the Victorian fountain and collecing pond on that site.

The World War II effort took its toll on all of Ypsilanti. Highways and airports replaced railroads and business as the depot declined. Neighborhoods groaned under the stress of too many families per house, too many autos per front yard. Only through sensible legislation, changing housing codes, and continuous neighborliness were the East Side/Peckville folk able to turn their post-War community around and regain their neighborhoodly quality of life. Perhaps those Pecks out in the Township will be coming back home soon. After all, Peckville stands proudly in its heritage as a symbol for the prosperity and success of the State of Michigan at this Sesquicentennial year. Even though there may not be one sign board providing its name for the newcomer to Michigan, Ypsilanti, or Depot Town, Peckville has left a legacy that continues in the life of its families today.

-Services-

River Art Works
Custom Framing
48 East Cross 482-8785

Ike's Depot Town Barbershop
40 East Cross • 483-6300

City Radiator
110 North River 483-2248

Ted's Auto Electric
307 North River 483-1238

B & D Retail
Plumbing & Heating
310 North River 487-1510

Ypsilanti Recycling Project
20 East Cross • 487-9727

Hansen's
Standard Printing
35 East Cross • 483-0339

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Fine Design in Hair Style
25 East Cross ‡ 484-3045

Ted's Auto Electric
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Over 4000 square feet of dealers
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CROSS STREET ANTIQUES
33 East Cross

Depot Exchange Antiques
Professional Furniture Stripping
54 East Cross

Vintage Passion
Unusual & Different
Costume Jewelry
32 East Cross

Jim MacDonald's Antiques
Apple Annie's
Vintage Clothing
29 East Cross • 481-0555

Mother's Day Peace Celebration

On May 10th, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m., there will be a Mother's Day Peace Celebration and International Peace Pole Installation at Edith Hefley Peace Park. The park is located on Elm Street, between Pearl and Grant. Rain or shine there will be food, drinks, and peaceable community games for the young and old.

On December 28, 1984 Edith Hefley died at the age of 64 of fibrous sarcoma. Edith was well known and respected in many local circles, especially at the Ypsilanti Food Co-op where she was an active founding member.

Peace activism occupied a large portion of her life. She was an advocate of non-military solutions to world problems. Edith was an active member of the local branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. She was instrumental in creating anti-draft groups in Wahtenaw County and at Eastern where she also set up several series of films on international topics.

Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in the activities to celebrate and commemorate Edith Hefley, and to continue in a united effort to realize world peace. Sponsored by the Ypsilanti Peace Fellowship. For more information call 487-3285.

The Vitamin Shoppe
Vitamins, Herbs, Nutritional Suppliments
9 East Cross • 485-2711

Miller's Ice Cream
42 East Cross 485-7546

Boomer Days Set For July 10, 11, 12

"Bums and tramps and hoboes, We're all coming down,
To a Boomer celebration in Ypsi's Depot Town."

The first six celebrations of the 'bad old days' of the Great Depression in America's rail yards and rail towns brought out modest crowds, enthusiastic children and glowing comprehensive coverage in the printed press. Maybe those 'dog days' of summer are the right time to get the Press and the News photographers into the district for cute shots of kids dressed like hoboes, cooks competing with their Mulligan Stew samples, and artful constructions of hobo jungles by both children and adults. It's been a warm and friendly neighborhood event, always drawing about a thousand people, total, to its events. All that could change with this year's plans.

The Huron River Watershed Commission has been seeking River-related events up and down the drain of that tributary from Oakland County's lake region to Kensington Metro-Park to the Chelsea/Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti area to the downriver communities and the Lake Erie delta and Pointe Moullie, focusing on Sunday, July 12th. Depot Town's Boomer Days and Bill French's Karp for Kids Kontest certainly fit the description of activities sought.

The Riverside Park-to-Depot Town foot bridge may be completed by July, and there's just another river-related event to celebrate. Or dedicate. Or commemorate. Ypsilanti is good at that kind of thing.

A bunch of snotty Ann Arborites, calling themselves the "Ugly Americans," like to dress up in polyester plaid and bicycle their way to this old block once every summer -- and they've been invited to display their bad taste on that same weekend, as well. They'll fit it just right, if they don't take themselves to seriously. Depot Towners don't.

Benny and The Jets, the band that got into all that litigous folderol with Elton John over who had right to the name back in the Seventies is being sought to appear in the Farmers' Market Freight House for a free all-community old-time rock 'n' roll dance party from seven until ten that Saturday. That way, the young folks can see what Mom and Dad did when *they* were that age. (More on Benny, Elton and Leonard Berstein in next month's Rag.)

Some of the previous years' successes are being suggested for the 1987 version of Boomer Days: A Tramp Art Show in the windows of our antique dealers, A Hobo Parade, A Bums' Night Out, the Bums' Rush, another Engine Show of railroad-related paraphernalia, a Boomer Boutique of more than twenty families cooperating in a giant garage sale, a Flea Market, a Little Moochers' Scavenger Hunt, a block party/picnic for everyone in the region at Riverside Park --and, of course, the annual crowning of the Hobo King and Queen.

Add to this a series of sidewalk sales, extended hours of local shops and prizes and awards for just about everyone who participates in obviously enthusiastic ways.

As the ideas pour in for this year's Boomer Days, it looks like we may have a smaller version of the Heritage Festival coming up in July.

One thing hasn't changed, though. Boomer Days is still silly and fun -- for all ages. And where else can you find that kind of promotion, but in Ypsilanti's Depot Town?

Aubree's Saloon & Second Floor
39 East Cross

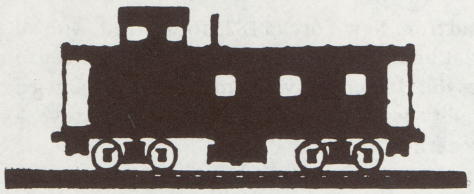
Pronto Pizza
Pizza & Subs
37 East Cross 483-4555

Sidetrack
Good Food, Good Drinks, Good Times
56 East Cross 483-1053

PEDDLER'S PATH
44 East Cross

Old Town Restaurant
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
38 East Cross

Paponetti's Pasta
Homemade Italian Food & Pastries
17 East Cross 483-3574



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Introductions of participants included four first-time folks who are recent owners of property in the district.

March minutes were approved

Treasurer's Report: Total - **$8428.33**

General	$3650.11
Rag	(912.30)
Jazz	5827.05
Caboose	30.00
Halloween	32.78
Billboard	(467.24)
Boomer Days	53.93
Merchants	214.00

Retiring treasurer, Eric Ward, will be replaced by Judith Monaghan in June 1987.

Billboard account of $467.24 is more than a year overdue and will be paid by the DTA general fund and the secretary will send letters to those still in arrears for their agreed responsibilities.

Depot Plans for a first class restaurant were reviewed and the DTA plan for replication of the historic Signal Tower at the tip of that site was passed on to the developers to be included in the redevelopment plan. New owners accepted the concept enthusiastically. Said one, "We saw what you've done down here in Depot Town and we're very excited." Welcome to the neighborhood. We've been waiting a long time for you.

NIFTY I (New Initiative For Tourism in Ypsilanti) program was evaluated by the EMU Community Interpretation class.

- Target the audience
- Make it a twenty-minute maximum presentation
- Organize the whole show into one video tape for ease in presentation
- Narration and recorded music can provide great continuity

Boomer Days are set for July 10, 11, 12 to coincide with Huron River Days events up and down the watershed from Oakland County to Lake Erie. Next planning session is 8 a.m., Saturday, April 18 in the Old Caboose

Marker Signs announcing entry into Depot Town will be created for up to $1000 bearing the same logo as the 'participating merchant' sticker and the 'home base' on the Follett House. City will direct their placement, but the rest is up to DTA.

Rag Report: Sesquicentennial Series continues with the May feature on "Peckville."

Jazz: Frog Island Tent Jazz Festival plans include two performances by Mr. B, and appearances by such greats as the Don Pullen Quintet, the Trindidad Tripoli Steel Band, and Albert King with an $18,000 budget for the event. DTA is investigating 'risk insurance' to guard the investment. Tickets will be $9 pre-sale, $12 at the gate. Still need: ticket and gate set-up, security for increased gate, extra patrols from darkness until midnight closing. Food must increase capacity and share of gross (up to 20%) or add new vendors. (see next item)

Jazz Food: Specifications and deadlines for food vendors at Frog Island will be sent to all local suppliers asking for a written proposal from those interested.

Heritage Festival is set for August 21, 22, 23 with a three-way split on the Heritage Jazz Competition (YHF/WEMU/DTA) featuring Lyman Woodard, the Sun Messengers and, possibly, the Henry Ford Community College Jazz group.

Trash Barrels for Heritage Fest will be painted via Kidsart program at Boomer Days -- with paint donated by Detroit Edison.

Clean Michigan Fund recognizes the **Ypsilanti Recycling Center** as one of the outstanding examples in the state.

Depot Town Artists & Artisians' representative, Helen Bunch, reported projects including: interest in Artrain demonstrations and exhibits, a Victorian Holiday Studio tour and progressive party for November 27 and 28, a bylaws committee, two Freight House shows, children's workshops, and an open air art show at the Farmers' Market. All artists and artisans are welcomed to join them in the Old Caboose every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

NIFTY II recent promotions include: Victorian Holiday/Festival of Lights/kick-off coordination, a wider mailing list, bus tours to the district, Easter promotions with CBC, DTAEC tail-gate swap-meet on Memorial Day splitting the estimated $200 cost with DTA for insurance and advertising.

The Golden Goose Award to the drivers who use the pedestrian walkways while the bollards are not yet replaced from last summer's construction.

Best Yet Award to Farmers' Market manager, Gary Urick, for the May 18 railroading show to keep railroadianna alive in Ypsilanti.

Adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Foundation and Association To Share Joint Meetings

Maybe it was to prove their flexibility, maybe some of the members who sat on both committees just wanted to cut down their meetings for the spring season. (Some think that the building owners spent so much money in last year's building season that they're afraid to start anything new this time around.) Either way, the two will be meeting together until further notice in the Old Caboose on the third Thursday of each month for the good of the block.

The Depot Town Association is the 'parent' to many projects in the block, including the Historic Depot Town Foundation (building owners), the Merchants' Committee (business owners, operators and employees), the Depot Town Antique Engine Club and the Depot Town Artists & Artisans. All these subgroups enjoy the incorporated, tax-exempt heavily insured status of the DTA.

Anyone who has never participated in such a Town Meeting format might just want to drop in. It's the nature of a bootstraps district such as ours to pull together, and the Association sessions in the Old Caboose are the perfect place to do it in Depot Town. Every owner, manager, helper, client, resident - or even an 'outside observer' - is welcome to participate. Join your neighbors on the third Thursday (May 21). If it gets too crowded, we can always meet outside.

Depot Town Rag

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Support the Businesses that bring you The Depot Town Rag

A Summer Festival in *Historic Depot Town*

Monday
May 25 — a.m. **Memorial Day Parade** with Veteran's Ceremonies at the Cross Street Bridge
p.m. **Depot Town Antique Engine Club Tail-Gate Swap-Meet** in the Farmers' Market Plaza

Saturday
June 27 — **Frog Island Tent Jazz Festival** $9 advance ticket, $12 at the gate

Friday, Saturday, Sunday
July 10, 11, 12
Boomer Days
Karp for Kids Kontest
Huron River Day

August
20, 21, 22 — **Ypsilanti Heritage Festival**
- Heritage Jazz Competition
- Early Engine Expo
- Franzen Brothers' Circus
- Antique Auto Show
- Heritage Parade
- Farm Toy Show
- All-American Quilt Show
- and much more

September
DTA Annual Meeting and Election

October
Farm Fair at the Ypsilanti Farmers' Market

Hon's
Flowers & Fancies
46 East Cross 482-2124

The Grand Trunk, Ltd.
Cards & Gifts
15 East Cross 485-4994

Big Bob's Magazines
Magazines, Comics, Posters
50 East Cross 485-4930

Depot Doo
Fine Design in Hair Style
25 East Cross ‡ 484-3045

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business of trade in the area. The Peck family set sail from New York in 1823 for Detroit, with all their family's belongings, and then chartered a flat boat to take them up the Huron River to Snow's Landing, where Rawsonville Road crosses the Huron today. From there they followed the river's edge upstream to their newly deeded eighty acres just north of Woodruff's Grove, a small settlement of folks who had arrived shortly earlier.

Local records tell how Mr. Dwight Peck's grandparents, Joseph and Sophia, were born in England, and with their two son's Egbert and Erwin, both under two years of age, came to this area. "With them they brought three head of cattle and a mare, soon to foal. A riding horse, which Mr. Peck had planned to bring, proved to be too much baggage, so had to be left behind. The trip proved to be so much longer than had been expected that by the time the boat reached Detroit, the cattle were without food or drink and the colt, born on shipboard, was too weak to stand. The cattle had to be pulled from the boat and every effort made to restore them to health."

That same account shows that the Peck family lived in a log home built in 1838 at what is now 401 E. Forest until the late 1950's and a 1951 newspaper account recalls Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Peck and their family's early experiences in the area: "A large double log house was built for the family on an open sandy lot. Across from this open spot were dense woods. Near the house, in the opening, was a permanent camp of tents belonging to the Pottawatomies. They were friendly with the pioneers and often are invited into the kitchen to share the newly-baked bread, the first butter and the milk." They found their land already inhabited, due, most likely to the presence of an artesian well in the oak opening of that bluff on the river's eastern shore. Their eighty acres stretched from Prospect Street to the river and from Forest Avenue to Holmes today. Peck's original 'double log cabin', can only be found in ancient photographs, today, but it was a unique habitation, even in those days. Two cabins, joined in such a manner was a mark of prosperity and distinction, when most of your neighbors lived in skin tents.

Other than the few remnants of that oft-remodled cabin, the only physical legacy left to today's citizens by the Peck claim is the brick garage which was once a portion of the Peck Street Primary School. Contemporary strollers will notice a strange driveway arrangement on the north end of the Anschutz residence at 101 East Forest at River Street. That driveway was once Peck Street, and paved the way to the city's second school - in the days when education was divided in only two parts: primary and secondary. The brick school was later used as a malt barn for one of the several breweries in the city, and now serves as a garage for what was another unique architectural phenomenon - a Sears & Roebuck mail-order house. In 1858 one hundred and thirty-nine children were enrolled in the Peck Street Primary School. Peckville's school was deeded by Joseph Peck to School District #3 for $40 in 1850 and was then known as the Fourth Ward Schoolhouse. This property was later deeded to Mr. George George in 1866 and a new site for a school was chosen while George turned the school into a malthouse. In 1878, a $4000 four-room schoolhouse was erected on the Prospect and Oak site, eventually becoming Prospect School, and then renamed Olive Adams Elementary School in 1963. That school has since been replaced, but with sensitive details of the earlier structure retained in key places of the building.

The same 1951 newspaper account states, "At one time East Forest was called Peckville, after this family. Their large house has been reduced in size, parts of it being torn off from time to time, but the part still standing is the original. It is said that at one time the huge fireplaces were fed by logs so large that a horse drew them in one door and after getting the logs in place, would proceed out another door."

In 1832 the inhabitants could hear the first stub line railroads being laid into the Territory, and, a year after the Adrian/Toledo line was proposed, another was started from Detroit which would soon reach Dearborn and then Ypsilanti. When the Michigan Central Line arrived, Ypsilanti's Depot Town became the new center for this outpost trading and milling center. As new buildings clustered around the rail terminus, their owners at first lived in the second floor of their businesses.

As the entrepreneurs at the depot prospered, they moved from their frame and brick places of business up the hill to Peckville, erecting elegant Greek Revival residences on the hill overlooking their river, town and railroad. The same style was echoed in our governmental buildings: capitols, courthouses, offices and great bureaucratic edifices. Peckville's modest temples many have been even nobler, then.

The Cholera epidemic and the threat of War with Toledo kept Peckville folks concerned about their future in the Michigan Territory, and, as the rail line continued west, Depot Town, the rest of Ypsilanti and the newly ascended State of Michigan prospered and grew upon the natural resources found here. Following the hen-and-chick style Greek Revival residences in Peckville were homes in the Gothic Revival style, the popular Italianate cubic and bracketed style, the Eastlake style, Tuscan Revival, and all forms of the Victorian vernacular - taking full advantage of the new technology of the industrial Revolution and that steam locomotive which kept unloading its treasures down in Depot Town every day.

Original builders of this new age included Benjamin Follet of the Follet House Hotel and

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City Body Cleaning Up

The new sign says, "City Body Inc., Front End Alignment - 4-Wheel Alignment," but the subtle name change and the traditional, flat, wall-mounted, yellow sign board indicate continued dedication to the style and character of this old neighborhood. Bruce and Scott Sobbry were so eager to get into their new Depot Town address that they could hardly wait to get started on replacing the back wall, the roof, the sign, and, oh, so much more. Stop in and see the progress at Depot Town's City Body, the most up-to-date body shop in the region.

RAGTIME

Meet Me At A Sidewalk Cafe —
Down in Depot Town

RIVER ART WORKS
CUSTOM FRAMING
DESIGNER MATS
482-8785
48 E. CROSS
DEPOT TOWN

River Art Work's burgeoning business has necessitated doubling their works and display space this month. Step in and see how Depot Town's old fashioned craftsfolk were able to accomplish this feat - without moving the exterior walls! Oh, these creative problem solvers!

Ypsilanti's Farmers' Market
in historic Depot Town

Bedding, Vegie, Herb plant sales!
SATURDAY EVENTS

5/9 — "Mother's Day Craft Show"
Gifts and flowers for mom 7-3

5/16 — "A Potter's Wheel Turnin"
Hand-thrown pottery Demo 9-2

5/23 — "The Rag Run Tradition"
8-3 Weaving demo on loom/rug sales!

5/30 — "Home Floral Design & Creation"
Display, sales, program at 11 a.m.

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42 E. Cross
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Historic Depot Town
OPEN ALL YEAR!

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Ypsilanti, Michigan 48198
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Building Season Begins Again --

and Miller's Ice Cream parlor is leading the way with a whole back wall being opened up to include a sun porch, deck and double the table space they presenlty enjoy.

City Body
20 East Cross
Front Alignments
Special - $24.95

The Rag's sponsoring businesses are again encouraged to create copy by the third Thursday for inclusion on this, the Ragtime page. Our clientel loves to read the news of projects, sales, specials, and other happenings which help to make Depot Town's "Good News Department."

Old Town Coin & Gold in New Location

Sharon Robine has operated her anitque and classy gold and silver exchange out of the tiniest shop in Depot Town for many years, but the month of May sees her expansion into what, years ago, was the Pure filling station, then the Cities Service station. The winter's remodeling has certainly paid off here, and no one would ever know this charming and business-like retail store was ever a gas station. The new, modern quarters now enjoys a huge display and sales room, new restrooms for customers and staff, an office and workroom. The old filling station never looked so good. Stop in and investigate their new digs in your spring strolls around the block.

YPSI FOOD COOP
WHOLE NATURAL FOOD IN BULK OR SMALL QUANTITIES
M.,T.,Th.,F. 10-7 Wed. 10-9 312 N. River
483-1520 Sat. 9-7 Sun. 12-5

Ypsilanti Food Co-op Annual Membership Meeting

On Sunday May 17th, 6 - 8 p.m., at Depot Town's Freight House in the Farmers' Market building the co-op's annual membership meeting will be held.

The election of the co-op's new board of directors will take place. Also, the State of the Co-op Reports will be delivered. The reports will update the membership on current issues. A keynote address will be given as part of the evening's events.

Everyone is welcome! Bring desserts to share. Drinks will be provided. For more information call 483-1520.